

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – Feb. 20 - 24, 2012  
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February is Black History month and in recognition of the many contributions of persons of color to our country and culture this week's question focuses on the contributions and accomplishments of Black Deaf Americans.

Who is the first Black Deaf American woman to earn a Ph.D.

- a) Shirley Allen
- b) Nathie Marbury
- c) Ann Wilson
- d) Dr. Angela McCaskill

Answer "a" – Dr. Shirley Allen earned her Ed.D. in Counseling in 1992 at the University of Rochester and earned the distinction as the first black deaf woman to earn a doctoral degree.

Dr. Allen's achievement was the focus of a cover article in Deaf Life magazine October 4, 1995. See Dr. Allen's picture here:

[http://www.deaflife.com/back\\_issue/listing/088.html](http://www.deaflife.com/back_issue/listing/088.html)

All of the answer choices are famous black deaf women. See the many contributions of black deaf Americans at the National Black Deaf Association website here: <http://www.nbda.org/fiveblackdeaf.html>

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